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SUBJECT: AM4ESTY INTERNATIONAL INQUIRY RE SENATOR DIOKNO

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1. TOM JONES OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL PHONED DEPARTMENT OFFICER APRIL 26 TO SAY THAT AI LONDON OFFICE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT SENATOR DIOKNO HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO NEW INVESTIGATION AS A RESULT OF CERTAIN ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING MEETING WITH JONES AND W. HUONG, DELEGATES OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL. JONES SAID HE AND HUONG FEEL OUTRAGED IN VIEW OF ASSURANCES THEY RECEIVED THAT REPRISALS WOULD NOT BE MADE AGAINST THOSE WITH WHOM THEY TALKED.

2. JONES SAID DIOKNO ARREST WOULD TRIGGER EVENTS THAT COULD INCLUDE MAKING AI REPORT PUBLIC. ORGANIZATION HAS HELD IT BACK HOPING THAT RELATIONSHIP WOULD CONTINUE MORE OR LESS QUIETLY.

3. JONES SAID DIOKNO INVESTIGATION STORY CAME FROM RELIABLE SOURCE IN PHILIPPINES BUT HE WELL AWARE THAT PRESSURE ON DIOKNO COULD RESULT FROM OVER-EAGER GOP

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SUBORDINATES. THUS, HE HOPED EMBASSY WOULD RAISE DIOKNO

QUESTION AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF GOP AND INDICATE
STRONG AMNESTY CONCERN OVER WELFARE DIOKNO. SISCO

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